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Voted, That permission to this effect be granted, under the direction of the Recording Secretary and Librarian, who shall furnish said Stratford with such books as they may see fit.

Rev. Mr. FRANCIS was chosen a member of the Committee for publishing Vol. V. of the third series of the Collections, in place of Mr. Hale, who, at his own request, was excused.

The letter of Dr. Dewhurst, which, at the last meeting, was referred to the Corresponding Secretary, was, by a vote of the Society, laid upon the table.

The Librarian informed the Society that he had forwarded to Dr. Julius a complete set of the Society's Collections, for the Royal Library in Berlin.

Present — The President, Austin, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Judge Davis, A. H. Everett, Felt, Francis, Harris, Lowell, Mitchell, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Willard, Young, Worcester, and Sir John Caldwell.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1836.

Jan. 28, 1836. The President being absent, Judge DAVIS was appointed President *pro tempore*.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Dr. J. S. Rogers, accepting his election as Corresponding Member of the Society.

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. William Lincoln, John Stark, Marsh, Capen, & Lyon, "A Friend," and the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Mr. DAVIS read a letter from Professor Palfrey, presenting to the Library an entire copy of the "North American Review," from 1825 to the present time. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Palfrey for his liberal donation.

The Librarian was directed to cause the volumes presented by Mr. Palfrey to be bound uniformly with the rest of the set.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Committee by whose exertions the Society's copy of Kennett's "American Library" has been obtained from the American Antiquarian Society.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on the subject of petitioning the Legislature to take measures to preserve the old papers and documents in the State House, Judge DAVIS informed the Society that the Committee have had no meeting, and stated some considerations which rendered it expedient to defer immediate action.

Information having been given to the Society that the Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop had presented to it a picture of the Hon. John Davis,* late its President, thereupon,

Voted, That the Secretary address a letter to the Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, expressive of their thanks for this and for many other evidences they possess of his attention and zeal in promoting the objects and advancing the interests of this Society.

A letter from Professor Rafn, Secretary of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of the North, at Copenhagen, in relation to their intended publication of the "Antiqui-

* See Vol. I. p. 273, for heliotype copy of this portrait. — EDS.

ties, &c., of America," was read, and referred to the Corresponding Secretary.*

Voted, That the third series of the Collections of this Society be presented to the Quebec Historical Society, who have presented to us their Collections.

Colonel JUAN GALINDO, of Central America, was elected a Corresponding Member of this Society. JAMES THACHER, M.D., of Plymouth, and Rev. SAMUEL SEWALL, of Burlington, were elected Resident Members.

Rev. Dr. HOLMES communicated to the Society a copy of a statute of Rhode Island, in 1783, repealing the clause in the law of March, 1663–4, which excluded Roman Catholics from admission as freemen of that Colony, as proof of the correctness of his statement in his "American Annals" that Roman Catholics were thus excluded, which statement had been called in question. Whereupon,

Voted, That the paper communicated by Dr. Holmes be referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. V., third series, and that it be published in that volume.†

Mr. WORCESTER, in behalf of the Publishing Committee, requested some instructions from the Society in relation to the printing of Vol. V. And, after some discussion,

Voted, To refer the whole matter to the said Committee, they to have regard to the Society's obligations to the public as to the price of

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* Professor Rafn's letter, dated Nov. 19, 1835, is on file. In it he expresses the hope that their Society's great work, "Antiquitates Americanæ," the compiling and printing of which was commenced so many years ago, would be completed by the summer of 1836. He solicits the favor of making the Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society a medium of communication with the subscribers of the work. — EDS.

† See pp. 243 and 244 of that volume. — EDS.

the volume, in determining the size of the volume, the printing, the correction of the press, &c.

Present — Choate, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, Holmes, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 25, 1836. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tempore.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian announced donations from Messrs. Alexander Young, Josiah Adams, Joseph E. Worcester, Paine Wingate, Thomas L. Winthrop, Edward Everett, Nahum Mitchell, and Samuel P. Gardner.

Dr. LOWELL, from the Committee on the Lectures, reported in part; and, on his motion,

Voted, That a letter of thanks be sent to each of the gentlemen who lectured, and that they severally be respectfully requested to deposit copies of their lectures in the Library of the Society.

Voted, That the same Committee — viz., Messrs. C. Lowell, I. P. Davis, and J. Willard — be authorized and requested to make provision for the Society's course of lectures for the ensuing season.

Mr. WORCESTER, from the Publishing Committee, read the names of deceased members of the Society of whom notices had not been prepared for the Collections, and requested the Society's instructions upon the subject. Whereupon, after some discussion, it was

Voted, To refer the whole matter touching memoirs of deceased members to Messrs. Quincy, Savage, and Lowell, with directions to report thereupon.

The subject of Governor Bernard's letter-books having been again brought to the notice of the Society, and it being supposed that these letter-books are still in the possession of Mr. O. Rich, of London,

Voted, That Colonel Aspinwall, who is now present, be requested, on his return to England, to attend to this subject, and give the Society information in relation to these volumes, the nature of their contents, the terms on which they may be purchased, &c.

The Librarian and Mr. FELT, pursuant to a vote passed at the meeting in August, 1835, made a further report of their progress in preparing a catalogue of the Library; which report was read and ordered to be placed on file and be recorded. It is as follows, viz.: —

BOSTON, Feb. 25, 1836.

Our labors have been continued since we last reported in making a catalogue of books, and also in arranging the manuscripts. For the past month, our attention has been chiefly given, on the usual days, to the books. This enables us to make less tardy advance than previously. We hope at the close of three months more to say that we have gotten through. Very respectfully submitted,

NAHUM MITCHELL, *Librarian.*
JOSEPH B. FELT.

Voted, That the Librarian cause a complete set of the Society's Collections to be bound, and so to be lettered as to designate that they are not to be taken out from the Library.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary prepare and cause to be printed a form of letter to be sent to gentlemen who shall be elected members of this Society, informing them of their election.

Present — Aspinwall,* J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Harris, C. Lowell, Mitchell,

* A Corresponding Member, chosen in July, 1833. — EDS.

Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Shaw, Upham, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 31, 1836. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Dr. J. Smyth Rogers, of Hartford, Connecticut, accepting his election as a Corresponding Member; also, a letter from Rev. Samuel Sewall, of Burlington, Mass., accepting his election as a Resident Member; also, one from Dr. James Thacher, of Plymouth, Mass., declining his election, on account of his age, &c.

Rev. Dr. LOWELL, from the Committee on Lectures, reported that he had received letters from several of the gentlemen who have lectured, part of whom were willing to deposit copies of their lectures, in pursuance of the desire of the Society, and that others felt some reluctance upon the subject.* He also reported upon the last course of lectures, and the receipts from the same, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded:

The Committee appointed in December, 1834, have fulfilled the duty assigned to them, and report that an able and highly interesting course of lectures has been delivered by ten gentle-

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* These letters are on file. The labor in arranging for the several courses of lectures delivered before the Society was not small. A large amount of correspondence with learned gentlemen, both within and without the State, exists in the Secretary's archives. — EDS.

men, members of the Society. The first two were given by Mr. Edward Everett, on the fourth Tuesday in November and the first Tuesday in December; subjects, "Mexico" and "Peru." The third, by Mr. W. Sullivan, on the second Tuesday in December; subject, "The Feudal Law." The fourth, by Dr. Palfrey, on the third Tuesday in December; subject, "The Capture of Louisburg." The fifth and sixth, by Mr. Alexander H. Everett, on the fourth and fifth Tuesday in December; subjects, "The French Revolution" and "The Revolution of the Three Days." The seventh and eighth, by Mr. Upham, on the first and second Tuesday in January; subject, "Sir George Downing." The ninth, by Mr. Felt, on the third Tuesday in January; subject, "Sir Edmund Andros's Administration in Massachusetts." The tenth, by Mr. F. C. Gray, on the fourth Tuesday in January; subject, "The History of the Pilgrims." The eleventh, by Mr. Austin, on the first Tuesday in February; subject, "The First Provincial Congress in Massachusetts." The twelfth, by Mr. Gray, on the second Tuesday in February; subject, "The History of the Pilgrims." The thirteenth, by Mr. Pickering, on the third Tuesday in February; subject, "The Islands of the Indian Ocean, as connected with the Original Population of the American Continent." The fourteenth, by Mr. King, on the fourth Tuesday in February; subject, "The Sources and Uses of History." *

The whole amount received for tickets is	$867
Expenses for room, tickets, and advertisements . . .	251
Leaving a balance in favor of the Society . . .	$616

Per order, CHARLES LOWELL,
Chairman of the Committee.

* The lectures in the course for 1835–6 were delivered at the Masonic Temple. The Committee were Charles Lowell, I. P. Davis, and Joseph Willard. — EDS.

The Librarian communicated donations from President Quincy, Dr. Jacob Porter, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Librarian, William Sullivan, Rev. Alexander Young, I. P. Davis, John Farmer, Daniel Webster, Rev. Andrew Bigelow, and Dr. Gamaliel Bradford.

A letter from Henry R. Schoolcraft to Governor Winthrop, on the subject of publishing in the Collections Mr. Schoolcraft's proposed Dissertation and Vocabulary of the Abenaki and Ogibwa Languages, was referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. V., third series, to report thereupon.

Messrs. F. C. GRAY and N. MITCHELL were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts and report at the next meeting.

Voted, To instruct the Publishing Committee of Vol. V., third series, to procure and insert in that volume a lithograph of Colonel Pilkington's drawing of those present at a table-talk between the American Commissioners and the Indians of Buffalo Creek, on Lake Erie; also, to print the accompanying documents.*

The Librarian was instructed to send to each member of the Society each new volume of the Collections as published, with a bill of one dollar for such volume to accompany it, and to account to the Treasurer for all moneys he may receive.

Present — Judge Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Savage, Willard, and Young.

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* The drawing referred to may be found in the volume mentioned, at p. 176. — EDS.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1836.

April 28, 1836. In the absence of the President, Mr. Quincy was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Publishing Committee, to whom was referred the letter from Mr. Schoolcraft at the last meeting, reported, —

That, in their opinion, the Dissertation on the Ogibwa language, with a vocabulary of the same, contemplated by Mr. Schoolcraft, would be a suitable and valuable contribution to our Collections, and that he be requested to proceed and complete the work, and transmit it to the Society for publication.

Voted, That the President be requested to communicate to Mr. Schoolcraft the request of the Society.*

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of their Treasurer, James Savage, for the year past, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, sufficiently vouched, and correctly cast, and that thereby a balance appears in favor of the Society of the sum of seventy-four dollars and four cents.†

F. C. GRAY,
NAHUM MITCHELL, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, April 28, 1836.

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* Mr. Schoolcraft's Dissertation never appeared in the Society's Collections. — EDS.

† The receipts for the year amounted to $2,123.50. Of this sum $1,300 were borrowed on the Treasurer's note; $556 were received on account of the lectures;

Judge DAVIS communicated a letter from Colonel Thomas H. Perkins, accompanying a volume of Mather's "Magnalia," placed in his hands by Dr. Thomas Newell, of England, to be placed in such literary society as Colonel Perkins might choose to select, and by him presented to this Society. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Dr. Newell and to Colonel Perkins for this donation.

Judge DAVIS accompanied the donation with some written remarks, which were read and prefixed to the volume.*

$124.50 for admission fees and assessments, and in settlement of an old account; $87 from sales of books; and $30 from rent to the Phrenological Society. The payments amounted to $1,998.96, — of which sum $646.34 were in repayment of loans and for interest; $34.82 for insurance and taxes; $130.26 for services; and nearly the whole of the remainder for printing and binding. — EDS.

* Judge Davis has pasted the following memorandum, in his own hand, inside the cover of the book: —

"BOSTON, April 28, 1836.

"The copy of Mather's 'Magnalia' presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society by Hon. Thomas H. Perkins, in behalf of Dr. Thomas Newell, of Cheltenham, England, was originally owned by Samuel Mather, of Witney, Oxfordshire, England, as appears by his autograph on the first fly-leaf. He was the youngest son of Dr. Increase Mather, and we find his name in the Class of 1690, Harvard College Catalogue. Rev. John Higginson, in his attestation prefixed to the 'Magnalia,' mentions him with this brief remark: 'He is now a publick preacher.'

"This copy of the 'Magnalia' is superior to those which we ordinarily see, being what bibliographical amateurs denominate a 'tall copy,' having a wide margin. The numerous manuscript entries in the margin of the first part of the volume, and the accompanying marks over, or in connection with, the text, indicate an intention of compiling an abridgment, probably never accomplished, as they are not extended throughout the volume.

"Some copies of the 'Magnalia' contain a list of *errata*. The worthy editor of the Hartford edition, published in 1820, unfortunately did not avail himself of those corrections. His copy, probably, did not contain the list. The corrections indicated in that list I have inserted with red pencil in the margin of the copy presented by Dr. Newell. J. DAVIS."

Judge Davis speaks of this copy as being what bibliographers would call a "tall copy." It is, indeed; being within the covers fifteen inches, lacking one-sixteenth of an inch, "tall," and nine inches wide. — EDS.

A case containing matrices for types, formerly the property of Dr. Franklin, forwarded to Mr. I. P. Davis by W. S. Duane, Esq., of Philadelphia, with a request that Mr. Davis would deposit the same "wherever he may suppose it will be most acceptable and carefully preserved," was presented to this Society by Mr. DAVIS.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Duane, and also to Mr. Davis, for this acceptable present.

Mr. QUINCY, from the Committee on the subject of Memoirs of deceased Members, appointed at the meeting in February last, made a written report, referring to the Society's declaration of their duty in this respect, as appears by the Society's Collections for 1799, and stating in substance that there are many deceased members of whom no obituary notice has appeared, of whom there are those deserving distinguished notice, and that the principle adopted by the Society in 1799 ought to be carried into effect. This report was read and accepted, together with the following votes proposed by the Committee, viz.: * —

1. *Voted*, That a committee be appointed, with authority to cause to be inserted in the Society's Collections such notices of all those members already deceased, of whom no notice has yet been taken in these Collections, as they shall deem just and appropriate; and that, in respect to those whom they shall deem entitled to an especial notice,

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* Mr. Quincy's report, at length, is on file. He has included in it a list of thirty-nine members, who, he thinks, come within the Society's recognized rule of obligation to prepare memoirs of deceased (resident) members. He finds that twelve of the memoirs had been assigned, and were in course of preparation. The remainder were unprovided for. His list embraced some eight members who had resigned or removed from the State before their decease, to whom the Society's rule as interpreted does not apply, and one, of whom a notice had already been published. — EDS.

it shall be the duty and authority of this committee to apply to such person as they may deem peculiarly qualified to prepare such special memorial, in the name of this Society, and to cause the same, when prepared, to be delivered to the Publishing Committee of the Society for insertion in its Collections.

2. *Voted*, That in respect of members who may hereafter decease, it shall be the duty of the Committee of Publications, on being informed of such event in relation to any member, immediately to consider and determine the degree of notice which ought to be taken of him by this Society, and cause it to be prepared and inserted in the Society's Collections as soon as possible; and for this purpose they shall have full authority to apply, in the name of this Society, to any person whom they may deem peculiarly qualified for such task, and who can be induced to undertake it, and, on its being performed, to insert the same in the next volume of the Historical Collections.

On the first of the foregoing votes, Messrs. QUINCY, SAVAGE, and LOWELL were appointed, with instructions to report at the next meeting their selection of a committee.*

Messrs. QUINCY, SAVAGE, and LOWELL were also appointed a committee to prepare a list of the members of the Society from the beginning, to be inserted in the Collections.†

The Librarian communicated donations from Messrs. Melvin Lord, Edward Everett, Convers Francis, Dr. Channing, Leonard Bliss, W. H. Gardner, S. G. Drake, William S. Pendleton, the Corresponding Secretary, M. Carey, J. B. Felt, and S. M. Worcester.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year: —

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* This Nominating Committee did not report at the next meeting, and, in fact, apparently never acted. See pp. 103, 115, 509, note. — EDS.

† A list of living Resident Members was prepared for the volume published this year (Vol. V. of the third series) and may be found on pp. 299, 300. — EDS.

THOMAS L. WINTHROP	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
NAHUM MITCHELL	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
JAMES SAVAGE FRANCIS C. GRAY JAMES T. AUSTIN CONVERS FRANCIS JARED SPARKS	. . . . . STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Quincy being called from the meeting, Judge DAVIS was requested to take the chair.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested to select a Publishing Committee to prepare Vol. VI., third series, for the press.

Dr. Palfrey nominated Judge Henry A. Bullard, of Louisiana, President of the Historical Society of Louisiana, for Corresponding Member. Mr. Willard nominated Richard Biddle, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, author of the "Memoir of Sebastian Cabot," for a Corresponding Member. The Standing Committee nominated Daniel Appleton White, of Salem, as Resident Member.

On motion of I. P. DAVIS, Esq.,

Voted, That the Society present to Mr. Felt a bound copy of the entire set of their Collections as a testimony of their thanks for his laborious and valuable services in arranging the Library.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary were directed to accompany the present with a suitable inscription.

Present — Austin, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gray, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 26, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The following gentlemen were chosen members of the Society: viz., Judge HENRY A. BULLARD, of Louisiana, and RICHARD BIDDLE, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Corresponding Members; and Hon. DANIEL APPLETON WHITE, of Salem, Massachusetts, a Resident Member.

The Librarian communicated donations from the following gentlemen: viz., Mr. Savage, Mr. Solomon Lincoln, George Whitney, Mr. Seth Chandler, and John Vaughan.

Voted, That the request of William Brigham, Esq., for permission to take from the Library two copies of the "Laws of Plymouth Colony," to aid him in the publication of the laws of that Colony, be granted, provided that Mr. Brigham shall not permit these copies to be used in any printing-office.

Also, *voted*, That, under the same restrictions, the request of Rev. William B. O. Peabody to take from the Library such works as may be important in preparing a Life of Cotton Mather, be granted.*

The third quarterly report of the Librarian and Mr. Felt, pursuant to the vote in August last, was read and accepted, and is as follows: —

The number, nature, order, and use of a Society's literary collections conduce very much to form the impression of its character made on the public mind. In view of this fact, our own body were pleased to appoint the subscribers for record-

* See Sparks's Library of American Biography, VI. 163. — EDS.

ing their books and arranging their manuscripts. When last giving an account of our proceedings, we expected, as well as desired, to have finished our work before this time, but a necessary hinderance has disappointed our anticipation. Still, we have done the best our circumstances allowed. Should opportunity present for further labor of this kind, we shall improve it without delay. As to our progress, we offer the following: When we commenced, from one-quarter to one-third of the bound volumes were designated on the Catalogue. A large portion of these contained pamphlets and tracts. Each book of such a portion had one or two of its principal pamphlets or tracts specified on the Catalogue as a running title, and the rest of them omitted. Such a deficiency we have partly supplied. In reference to this mode, supposing it better than none, when time allowed it to be no more particular, we have adopted it to some extent. When this adoption has been made, we have placed a note at the end of the records that the volumes to which they relate are to be more particularly specified. The other part of the books which we have put down on the Catalogue are fully denominated. We suppose that about three-fourths of the Library stand thus noted. As it respects manuscript papers, they have been arranged according to their respective years. They are now regularly deposited in Case No. 21. A considerable bundle of Connecticut statistics, which, on their first external appearance, seemed of little worth, are very valuable. They are in Case No. 30. Those papers and this bundle are richly worth being bound in volumes, with suitable indices. Indeed, if we desire that the most important of them should remain in our archives for any length of time, they must be so preserved. With respect to the other manuscripts, both published and unpublished, they are in Cases No. 29 and 31. Some of all our collections, whether in print or manuscript, appear to be missing. This truth, so lamentably prevalent in all kindred institutions, suggests to us the question

whether there should not be full as much carefulness in having whatever is taken out from our Library annually returned, and as frequent an examination of all its contents rigidly made, and an account of the result speedily presented, as is found necessary in other similar associations. Having it as among our chief wishes and endeavors that our Society may steadily and increasingly rise in its well-earned fame, we respectfully submit this report.*

NAHUM MITCHELL, *Librarian.*
JOSEPH B. FELT.

BOSTON, May 26, 1836.

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* One of the most important duties connected with a proper administration of a library is the furnishing a catalogue of the books and manuscripts in it, with shelf-marks to indicate where they may be found. A library is comparatively useless without such a catalogue; and few persons not immediately conversant with such duties are aware of its importance, or of the care, labor, and expense involved in preparing and keeping up such an index. It is a work never finished.

The first Catalogue of the Society (see Proceedings, I. 103) was printed in 1796, in a small octavo volume of forty pages. The original manuscript, or the transcript ordered, now exists. A copy of this printed volume, interleaved, with shelf-marks entered in the margin, served the Society for some years. On the title-page of this copy is written, in the hand of the Rev. Dr. T. M. Harris, "The property of the Society; to lie on the table for the use of the members, it being the only copy with references to the places of the books." In 1811, the Society printed a new Catalogue, consisting of ninety-six pages, in octavo size, in double columns, made by the Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., sufficiently described on p. 221, as above. This Catalogue formed the basis of all the attempts to furnish an index to the Library, until the preparation by the late Dr. Appleton of the excellent Catalogue of books, printed in two volumes, in 1859 and 1860. The original manuscript, in Mr. Alden's hand, is now in the Library. Two years after the printing of Mr. Alden's Catalogue, its leaves were pasted on several large folio sheets of paper, with shelf-marks, and with accessions entered on the bottom of the page. A memorandum on it shows that it was begun Aug. 2, 1813, and finished November 12 of the same year. After this, a thick quarto volume was procured, and slips of the Alden Catalogue pasted in it, in single columns, leaving a large margin for the accessions and shelf-marks. This served for several years longer. Subsequently, another quarto volume was procured for a like purpose, but was little used, while there was prepared a small thin book, called a supplement to the Catalogue, in which accessions were entered. Finally, a large, oblong volume, sixteen inches by twenty inches in size, was procured, in which the leaves of the Alden Catalogue were pasted, as before, giving room for the entry of large additions. On this the labors of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Felt, and Dr. Harris were bestowed. Probably the manuscript

Messrs. MITCHELL and FELT were appointed a committee to prepare for binding, and cause to be bound in volumes, the Society's manuscripts.

Voted, That the attention of the Standing Committee be particularly called to Article IV. of Chapter III. of the Society's Rules and Regulations, and that the same be duly enforced.

Also, *voted*, That all books be called in fourteen days before the April meeting in each year, under a penalty of one dollar for each volume not so returned.

Rev. Dr. HOLMES stated that the Winthrop manuscript catalogue of the graduates of Harvard University, which had been supposed to be the property of the Society, had been called for by Abraham Hilliard, Esq., in behalf of Mr. Winthrop's heirs. Whereupon,

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Holmes be appointed a committee to endeavor to obtain a donation of this manuscript from the said heirs for this Society.

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additions made in each previous catalogue were recopied into each subsequent catalogue, so that the labor was each time repeated. This large volume was unwieldy, and had a tendency to fall to pieces by its own weight. It served the Society, as has been already mentioned, for many years, or until the completion of Dr. Appleton's Catalogue. It now exists, in fragments, as a specimen of the clumsy attempts to furnish an index for a growing library.

Manuscripts were inserted in the original Alden Catalogue of 1811, but that part of the list does not appear in the last interleaved copy of it, described above. Probably the most that was now done by the Librarian and his assistants to render the miscellaneous manuscripts accessible was the placing a large number of them in volumes, and indexing them. It will be seen further on that Mr. Snelling rendered faithful service in this respect, many of the volumes of manuscripts bearing evidence of his active pen in indexing their contents. Unfortunately he did not adopt the alphabetical order in his work. The Society has at this time a large number of volumes of manuscripts in its cupboards, neither indexed nor catalogued. But a Committee, appointed last year for the purpose, has directed that all the manuscripts shall be catalogued, and the work is in progress.

It may be added that, in 1834, a "Catalogue of Pamphlets from the Athenæum" (see Proceedings, I. 451, 452, 455, 457, and 479) was made out, on large folio sheets, stitched; also, about the same time, a separate "Catalogue of Pamphlets and Tracts belonging to Massachusetts Historical Society," was made, perhaps in reference to an exchange with the Athenæum, by the same person. — EDS.

A communication was read, directed to the President of the Society, from M. Eugène Arnoult, of Paris, entitling himself "Director of the Journal of the Institute," requesting for his volumes from time to time an account of the sittings and transactions of this Society, and also a copy of their published volumes, that he may publish an analysis of their contents in his Journal, according to his plan of publishing periodically an account of French and foreign societies, and of their scientific labors, embracing mathematics, physics, the natural sciences, history, and philosophy; also, requesting the Society to subscribe to the Institute. Whereupon,

Voted, To refer this communication to Messrs. Pickering and Willard to report thereupon.*

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Voted, That the Otis papers, consisting of accounts, writs, and other court papers, &c., be delivered to William F. Otis, Esq.†

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary, in publishing the list of donations made from May 1835 to 1836, may adopt such a course with regard to giving a particular description of each donation, or otherwise, as he may see fit.

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* The title of M. Arnoult's journal was "L'Institut, Journal Général des Sociétés et Travaux Scientifiques de la France et de L'Étranger." It was not the official organ of any particular society, but a private affair. The first number was published at "Paris, 18 Mai, 1833." It was issued weekly. The editor says: "L'Institut est l'organe des académies et sociétés scientifiques de tous les pays," &c. Harvard College Library has a copy from the commencement to the year 1857. — EDS.

† The Society selected from these papers what they regarded as of historical value, returning those of a more private nature (see letter of Dr. T. M. Harris, on file); yet there are in the Library three volumes of "Otis Papers," corresponding in part to the above description. Some twenty-five years ago, when the writer of this note was chairman of the Standing Committee, these papers were found in the attic of the Society's building, loose and scattered in various receptacles, and he caused them to be collected and placed in volumes. — EDS.

Mr. I. P. Davis nominated J. K. Paulding, Esq., of the city of New York, for a Corresponding Member.

Present — The President, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Holmes, Lincoln, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pickering, Savage, Shaw, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 30, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Hon. Daniel Appleton White, of Salem, accepting his election.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Theodore Lyman, Jr., Esq., resigning his situation as a member of the Society. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the same.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Dr. Holmes, the Committee on the Winthrop Catalogues, with a copy of the receipt he gave to the executors of Mr. Winthrop when the catalogues were transmitted to the Society, by which it appears that they were merely loaned to the Society, to be redelivered on demand to James Andrews and others, the residuary legatees; and the letter further stated that the writer had not been able to see Mr. Andrews or the other heirs, but would attend to the business soon.*

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* Dr. Holmes's letter, dated June 28, 1836, describes these Winthrop papers, in conformity with a receipt which he gave for them, as "deceased's manuscript catalogue of the graduates of Harvard College; fourteen other catalogues, which were said deceased's, containing written memoranda by him relating to

Dr. Lowell nominated Hon. Levi Woodbury, Secretary of the Treasury, for a Corresponding Member.

J. K. PAULDING, Esq., of the city of New York, was elected Corresponding Member, — ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., Scrutinizing Committee.

The Librarian communicated donations from the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon, American Philosophical Society, Hon. Abbott Lawrence, Hon. John Davis, of Worcester, and the Legislature of Massachusetts.

Rev. Dr. Jenks was allowed to take out from the Library Mather's manuscript "Illustrations of Scripture," and D'Herbelot's "Bibliothèque Orientale," in four volumes.

The Recording Secretary deposited a manuscript index of Vol. II., third series of the Collections, which he obtained from the papers of the late Dr. Snow, and which appears to have been prepared by him as one of the Committee on the General Index of the third decade.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be requested forthwith to appoint a Publishing Committee for Vol. VI., third series, pursuant to the vote at the last April meeting, and also to report at what time the annual volume shall be published.*

Present — The President, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Holmes, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Jenks, Pierce, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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said graduates; two large files of papers, written by said deceased and others, containing facts and information concerning said graduates; and another file of papers, written by said deceased and others, containing facts and information relating to the Winthrop family." — EDS.

* Rev. John Prince, LL.D., a Resident Member, died June 7, 1836. A memoir of him by Mr. C. W. Upham is in 3 Collections, V. 271–282. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

July 28, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The vote of April last, in reference to the preparation of a list of members for the Collections, was referred to the Publishing Committee.

Dr. HOLMES reported that he had conferred with Mr. Andrews, who is well disposed in the matter of the Winthrop catalogue and the accompanying pamphlets, but is unable to act without the consent of the other heirs.*

Dr. HOLMES also communicated, for President Alden, an inquiry as to what had become of the manuscript "Narrative of Gibson's Captivity," with a request that it might be returned, if it were not to be printed.†

President Alden also, through Dr. Holmes, requested permission to nominate for Corresponding Member, Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D., Professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary at Alleghany, near Pittsburg.

Hon. HENRY CLAY, of Lexington, Kentucky, who was regularly nominated for Corresponding Member at the meeting in October, 1833, by the President, and the Rev. President WILLIAM ALLEN, D.D., of Bowdoin College, Maine, who was regularly nominated for Corresponding Member, in June, 1834, by Rev. Dr. Codman,

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* See further, in this volume, respecting these Winthrop papers, under a later date. — EDS.

† The "Narrative" is printed in 3 Collections, VI. 141–153. — EDS.

were elected at this meeting, the Society having accidentally omitted to act upon said nominations at the proper time.

Hon. LEVI WOODBURY, Secretary of the Treasury, was also chosen Corresponding Member, — Dr. BRADFORD, the Scrutinizing Committee.

The Standing Committee nominated William Gibbs, Esq., of Lexington, and Josiah Bartlett, M.D., of Concord, for Resident Members.

The following report of the Standing Committee on the subjects committed to them at the meetings in April and June last was read and accepted, viz.: —

The Standing Committee, under instructions of the Society directed to report the time at which the annual volume shall be published, and also to appoint a Publishing Committee for preparing Vol. VI. of the third series, having attended to the subjects, report, — that it seems difficult to determine the time when all future volumes shall be published, because many incidents may intervene to delay the accomplishment of the services of the respective committees, but that it would be desirable to have the volumes in each year hereafter published by the period of the annual Commencement at Harvard University. And they also propose for the Committee of Publication of the next volume, Hon. Nahum Mitchell, Rev. Alexander Young, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, and Rev. Samuel Sewall.

Respectfully submitted. JAMES SAVAGE,
For the Standing Committee.

BOSTON, July 28, 1836.

Mr. WILLARD, in the absence of Mr. Pickering, reported in part on the subject of M. Arnoult's communication referred to them at the May meeting, and asked leave for further time to complete their duty.

The Recording Secretary, in the absence of the Librarian, communicated donations from Colonel Samuel Swett, Messrs. Levi Woodbury, Alexander Young, Peter Force, and the Publishers of the "New York Spectator."

The Recording Secretary informed the Society that, at the April meeting in 1823, Messrs. Nichols, Merrill, Spooner, Jr., and Bowdoin were appointed a committee to prepare the index to the third series of the Collections; and that, in October, 1829, Dr. Snow was appointed in the room of Mr. Spooner, deceased; and that now Messrs. Nichols and Merrill are the only surviving members. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Nichols and Merrill be requested to nominate and report to the Society the names of two gentlemen to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messrs. Bowdoin and Snow.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon for their liberal donation of a copy of their publications.

Also, *voted*, That a copy of this Society's Collections be presented to the Royal Academy of Sciences at Lisbon.

Present — The President, Adams, Bradford, Felt, Francis, Holmes, C. Lowell, Palfrey, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sewall, Shaw, Sparks, Upham, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Aug. 30, 1836. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Judge MITCHELL was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

WILLIAM GIBBS, Esq., of Lexington, and JOSIAH BARTLETT, M.D., of Concord, were elected Resident Members, — Rev. Mr. YOUNG and I. P. DAVIS, Esq., Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. SAVAGE informed the Society that he should renew the policy of insurance on the building in Franklin Place, unless he should receive orders to the contrary.

Voted, That the Librarian and I. P. Davis, Esq., be a committee to say to what institutions the present and future volumes of our Collections shall be presented.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Thacher, of Plymouth, Governor Everett, B. B. Edwards, the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries, at Copenhagen, Hon. Abbott Lawrence, the Legislature of Massachusetts, Rev. Dr. Codman, Messrs. Melvin Lord and Joseph Willard.

Present — The President, Bradford, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gray, Harris, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Ripley, Shaw, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 29, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Dr. LOWELL read letters from Hon. Levi Woodbury, of Washington, and Sharon Turner, Esq., of England,*

* The letter of Sharon Turner is printed on pp. 13 and 14 of this volume. — EDS.

accepting their election as Corresponding Members, and also communicated the acceptance of Richard Biddle, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dr. BRADFORD stated that the catalogue containing the births, &c., in Cambridge, which he had found in his possession, and had presented to the Society, belonged to the old volume of records in the old book in the City Clerk's office. Whereupon,

Voted, That the same be sent to the office, to be placed in the book where it originally belonged.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a letter from Rev. Chandler Robbins, accompanying a donation of the portraits of Mr. Welsteed and Rev. Samuel Cooper.

He also communicated a letter from John Vaughan, Esq., Librarian of the American Philosophical Society, stating that Vol. V., third series, of our Collections had been received, but that Vols. III. and IV. of the same series could not be found. Whereupon,

Voted, To forward these volumes to the Philosophical Society.

Mr. NICHOLS, from the Committee on the Index to the third series, moved that Messrs. Young and Lincoln be appointed to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messrs. Bowdoin and Snow. Whereupon,

Voted, That Messrs. Young and Lincoln be of said Committee.

Mr. Young afterward was excused at his own request, and Mr. GIBBS was chosen in his stead.

Mr. WILLARD communicated a letter from J. Francis Fisher, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, accompanying a donation of the last half of Vol. III. of their Collections, with a

request to be informed whether our copy of their Collections was complete, and requesting a copy of our Collections.

He also communicated a letter from John Farmer, Esq., accompanying the original deeds of the Indian sachems to Rev. John Wheelwright, &c., of Exeter, in 1638 and 1639, with permission to have the same lithographed for the next volume (VI., third series) of the Collections, if desired, and if it could be done without injury, and it was

Voted, To refer the subject to the Publishing Committee of that volume.*

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* The following is Mr. Farmer's letter: —

"BOSTON, Sept. 28, 1836.

"JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq.,
Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"DEAR SIR, — I received your polite notification of the meeting of the Society to be holden to-morrow, which it is almost superfluous to say it would be highly gratifying to me to attend.

"Respect and esteem for the individual members, and a degree of interest in the objects of the association, are not the least of the inducements. But continued illness yet confines me to my chamber, and excludes the idea of my being with you, and I am even obliged to employ an amanuensis in communicating the reason of my non-attendance.

"I herewith enclose for your examination and the inspection of the gentlemen of the Society who may be present at the meeting, the original deeds, as I suppose, from Indian sagamores, residing around Swampscot or Exeter, to Rev. John Wheelwright and others, in the year 1638, and I would ask whether these are not the oldest in any part of our country.

"Would you like a lithograph copy of them for the next volume of your Collections? If one can be taken without injuring the deeds, there can be no objection.

"I am, my dear Sir, with sincere esteem and friendship, your and the Society's obliged, JOHN FARMER."

The Publishing Committee did not avail themselves of Mr. Farmer's offer respecting the Indian deeds. They had already been published in Vol. I. of the New Hampshire Historical Collections, pp. 147–149. Mr. Farmer, it will be seen, was in Boston when he wrote this letter. He was in poor health, too feeble to attend a meeting of the Society. He died two years later. — EDS.

Mr. YOUNG communicated a letter from Rev. Henry A. Miles, late of Hallowell, dated 27th instant, accompanying a donation of twenty-one manuscript volumes of sermons and notes of sermons of the Mathers, Apostle Eliot, Thacher, Colman, Wadsworth, Willard, Pemberton, Sewall, Cooper, Checkley, Prince, Byles, and others, from the year 1653 to the middle of the last century. These, Mr. Miles stated, he obtained from a gentleman in Hallowell, whose brother obtained them, in 1806, from an old bookseller in that place.* Whereupon,

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* The following is Mr. Miles's letter, in full, respecting these manuscripts: —

"To Rev. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

"DEAR SIR, — I herewith send you twenty-one manuscript volumes, of which I will give you a brief account. They appear to be sermons and notes of sermons preached by Congregational ministers of Boston and vicinity, from the year 1653 down to the middle of the last century. Here are notes of sermons by the Mathers, by Eliot the Apostle to the Indians, by Thacher, Colman, Wadsworth, Willard, Pemberton, Sewall, Cooper, Checkley, Prince, Byles, and others. Most of them are easily read, some of them are almost illegible, while six of them are in shorthand, which, perhaps, it is impossible to decipher.

"The two oldest volumes are works of much curiosity. They are unquestionably sermons, written out in full, by the Rev. Jonathan Mitchell, the successor of Mr. Shepard, of Cambridge. I judge them to be in the author's handwriting, which you can easily determine, by comparing them with a tract in the handwriting of Mitchell, which, from a note in Savage's Winthrop, page 142, Vol. I., I learn is in the archives of the Historical Society. Cotton Mather, in his Life of Mitchell, thus writes: 'He kept a monthly lecture, where he largely handled man's misery by sin and salvation by Christ, and entered on the doctrine of obedience due thereupon; and vast assemblies of people from all the neighboring towns reckoned it highly worth their pains to repair unto that lecture.' There can be no doubt that these two volumes contain some of the lectures of Mitchell which Mather highly extols.

"These volumes were given to me by a gentleman in Hallowell, Maine, whose brother obtained them, in 1806, from an old bookseller in that place. How they came there is to me unknown. It seems probable that they were carried to Maine by some of the numerous descendants of the Sewall family, as the name Sewall is found in some of these volumes, and as one of the ancestors of this family married, in 1682, a daughter of Mr. Mitchell. It was not uncommon, in the days of our fathers, for ready writers to take copious notes of sermons as they were delivered, and from Mather's 'Ratio Disciplinæ' we

Voted, That a special vote of thanks be given to Mr. Miles for his valuable donation.

Mr. SAVAGE and Mr. YOUNG were appointed a committee to examine the manuscript volumes presented by Mr. Miles, and to report thereupon.

Mr. WILLARD communicated a donation from Mrs. William King Atkinson, of Dover, New Hampshire, of the portraits of Robert Pike, Esq., son of Rev. John Pike, of Dover, and of Mrs. Shurtleff, wife of Rev. William Shurtleff, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and a daughter of Counsellor Theodore Atkinson, of the former Province of New Hampshire. Also, from Mrs. Susan Parker, of Exeter, and Mrs. Lucretia Lyman, of Portsmouth, a portrait of Rev. William Shurtleff, above named.

The President nominated Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D.D., of Augusta, Maine, and Mr. Willard nominated J. Francis Fisher, Esq., of Philadelphia, Corresponding Secretary of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, as Corresponding Members of this Society.

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

Voted, To present to Hon. Theodore Lincoln, of Dennysville, Maine, and Martin Lincoln, of Hingham, Massachusetts, surviving children of the late General Lincoln, each a copy of Vol. V., third series, of our Collections.

Messrs. MITCHELL and I. P. DAVIS, the Committee appointed at the August meeting, reported that the

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learn that, in the absence of the pastor, these notes were frequently read to the congregation. These volumes, thus accidentally thrown into my possession, are worth a safe preservation, as interesting memorials of the past. I wish that you would present them, in my name, to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"With great respect, your friend and servant,

"HENRY A. MILES.

"CAMBRIDGE, Sept. 27, 1836." EDS.

present and future volumes of the Collections be presented to the following Societies and Institutions: —

The American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia.
The Historical Societies of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Washington City, Virginia, and Quebec.
The American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
The American Antiquarian Society.
The Library of Harvard University.

Judge Davis nominated T. A. Moerenhout, United States Consul at Otaheite, Society Islands, for a Corresponding Member.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated a donation from Edward A. Newton, Esq., of Pittsfield, of a sermon preached at London, 21 Feb., 1609, before some of the planters for Virginia, by W. Crashaw, Bachelor of Divinity and preacher at the Temple. Whereupon,

Voted, That a special vote of thanks be given to Mr. Newton for his valuable donation.

Donations were also announced from the President of the Society, from Messrs. John Pickering, Francis Jackson, Abbott Lawrence, J. Willard, the New York and Erie Railroad Company, and from Mr. Pitkin, of Connecticut.

Present — The President, Messrs. Austin, Bartlett, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Jenks, C. Lowell, Mitchell, Nichols, Pierce, Savage, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 27, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from J. Grahame, Esq., accepting his election as Corresponding Member.

Mr. I. P. DAVIS communicated a donation from J. Francis Fisher, Esq., of a manuscript copy of a Memorial, June, 1703, by Colonel Robert Quarry, to the Commissioners of Trade and Plantations on the state of the American Colonies, — copied by Mr. Fisher from a manuscript in the Library of the British Museum. Also, a description of fourteen medals of Washington, and seventeen other medals relating to America. Whereupon, a special vote of thanks was directed to be given to Mr. Fisher for the same.

Voted, To refer the foregoing manuscripts to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI., third series.*

The Recording Secretary read a letter from William D. Williamson, Esq., the historian of Maine, accompanying a copy of his History, and requesting an exchange for certain volumes of the Collections, paying the difference; which request was granted, and the Librarian and Recording Secretary were charged with the arrangement.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on M. Eugène Arnoult's letter, presented a written report adverse to

* Colonel Quarry's Memorial was printed in Vol. VII. of the third series. — EDS.

the several requests contained in the letter; which report was read and accepted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to M. Arnoult, as briefly setting forth the reasons of declining.

[Mr. Willard's report, on file, is as follows: —

"The Committee to whom was referred the letter of M. Eugène Arnoult, of Paris, 'Director of the Journal of the Institute,' . . . beg leave to report, —

"That this Society will at all times cheerfully lend its aid to the promotion of any object within its means, and the legitimate purposes of its establishment. Your Committee, however, are of the opinion that the propositions of M. Arnoult are not of this last description. He requests, first, a copy of our sittings and transactions; second, a copy of our Collections; and, third, a subscription on the part of this Society to his Journal. With regard to the first, it is apparent that M. Arnoult mistakes the mode of proceeding in this Society, and supposes it to be in this respect like foreign literary and scientific societies, whereas our sittings relate chiefly to the admission of members, the reception of donations, management of financial concerns, and the general economy of the Society; that the transactions of the Society at its sittings are of this description, no essays or papers being read by its members, so that a copy of our records would not come within the view of M. Arnoult, even if it were a proper matter on our part to furnish it.

"As to the second request, the volumes of our Collections are printed at the charge of the Society, and have but a limited sale, insufficient to defray the expenses of printing, &c.; and it has not been usual to make donations of them, except to a limited number of public institutions, principally in the way of exchange for their publications, or occasionally

to an individual for valuable services rendered in promoting the interests of the Society. This practice early obtained, and now that the Society numbers twenty-five volumes of its printed Collections, it should seem more reasonable to adhere to it.

"As to the third request, your Committee would remark that they have not had the pleasure of seeing M. Arnoult's work, nor of ascertaining its character. Doubtless, a work of the kind, well conducted, would be valuable, and highly interesting in showing the progress of science; but it does not come within the objects of this Society, which are confined to the preservation of materials for American history. In addition to this, we may remark that the Society does not subscribe for any work, the increase of its Library depending upon donations made by its members and by others friendly to its important design.

"Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that this Society respectfully decline the requests of M. Arnoult, and that a copy of this report be transmitted to him, as briefly setting forth the reasons for thus declining.

"For the Committee,

"J. WILLARD.

"BOSTON, Oct. 27, 1836."]

Donations were announced from Rev. Henry Channing, D.D., Rev. Messrs. Convers Francis, Edward B. Hall, John White, Calvin Durfee, and J. E. Worcester, Esq.

Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, D.D., of Augusta, Maine, J. FRANCIS FISHER, Esq., of Philadelphia, and T. A. MOERENHOUT, United States Consul at Otaheite, were elected Corresponding Members of the Society, — Mr. I. P. DAVIS and Mr. FRANCIS, Scrutinizing Committee.

Mr. Worcester nominated Usher Parsons, M.D., of

Providence, Rhode Island, and Mr. Savage nominated William D. Williamson, Esq., of Bangor, Maine, for Corresponding Members.

Mr. SAVAGE informed the meeting that Mr. Gray had gone to Europe, and would probably be absent more than a year. Whereupon,

Voted, To proceed at the next meeting to the choice of a member of the Standing Committee, in the place of Mr. Gray.

Present — The President, Messrs. I. P. Davis, A. H. Everett, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Tucker, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Nov. 24, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from Messrs. Henry Clay and J. Francis Fisher; a letter from Rev. J. Adams, of South Carolina, accompanying a donation of pamphlets; from Franklin Bache, acknowledging the receipt by the American Philosophical Society of the third and fourth volumes of our third series; from John Vaughan, Esq., a Corresponding Member of the Society; and also from Alden Bradford, Esq., with a paper containing various *errata* in the Society's Collections. This paper was referred to the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI., third series, and a

special vote of thanks was directed to be given to Mr. Bradford for this valuable attention.*

Judge DAVIS communicated a donation from Stephen Codman, Esq., of a work upon the native language of Chili. Whereupon, a special vote of thanks was ordered to be given to Mr. Codman for his valuable donation.

The Corresponding Secretary exhibited his official seal, which had been engraved at the charge of the President, and the thanks of the Society were specially voted to be given to the President therefor.†

Smibert's copy, in 1737, of an original portrait of Governor Endicott was presented by F. C. GRAY, Esq., who is now absent from the country, and the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Gray for this token of his remembrance.

Donations were also announced from Messrs. Gamaliel Bradford, Alexander Young, John Farmer, James L. Homer, and Miss Mary Clark.

A special vote of thanks was directed to be given to Rev. Chandler Robbins for his donations of the portraits of Rev. Messrs. Welsteed and Cooper, in September last.

The President nominated George Folsom, Esq., of New York, for a Corresponding Member.

The Recording Secretary, at the request of Judge Mitchell, communicated to the Society his desire to be excused from serving on the Publishing Committee of Vol. VI., third series, and it was

Voted, That his request be granted;

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* Bradford's list of *errata* was printed in Vol. VII., third series, pp. 296–300. — EDS.

† This was a hand-seal for sealing letters. It was inscribed as follows: "Massachusetts Historical Society. Instituted 1791." — EDS.

And the other gentlemen of the Committee were requested to nominate at the next meeting some one to supply Judge Mitchell's place.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated to the Society a donation from the late Dr. Freeman of a valuable parcel of papers of an historical description.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary were requested to prepare an inventory of them.

Judge DAVIS was chosen on the Standing Committee, *vice* Mr. Gray, absent from the country.

USHER PARSONS, M.D., of Providence, Rhode Island, and Hon. WILLIAM D. WILLIAMSON, of Bangor, Maine, were elected Corresponding Members.

The Librarian and Recording Secretary were requested to report to the Society upon the matter of the contract with our publishers.*

Voted, That Mr. I. P. Davis be added to the Committee on manuscripts and portraits.

Voted, To postpone to the next meeting any action upon Dr. Halsey's nomination, made in July last.

Present — The President, Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Holmes, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Sparks, Ware, Willard, and Young.

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* On the 9th of March, 1835, an agreement was made between the Society and Messrs. Russell, Odiorne, & Co., reported at the meeting of the 26th of March, by which it was stipulated that the latter should be the agents of the Society for the sale of their Collections, which they were authorized to dispose of for one dollar per volume, and were to receive twenty-five per cent commission for the same, which sum should cover the guarantee and all expenses; settlement to be made and proceeds paid over to the Society at least once in six months; the agreement to continue for three years, unless dissolved by mutual consent. This was drawn, agreeably to a vote of the Society, adopted previously. See Vol. I. p. 449. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 29, 1836. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

A letter from the Librarian, tendering a resignation of his office on account of his other numerous and indispensable engagements, was read.*

Voted, thereupon, to accept his resignation, and to present to him the thanks of the Society for his services while in office.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters of acceptance from Hon. Judge Bullard, of Louisiana, and Rev. Dr. Tappan, of Augusta, Maine.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Secretary of the American Education Society, was communicated, in which he requests a history of this Society may be furnished him for the "Quarterly Register."

Voted, That his proposition meets with the acceptance of this Society, and that the Standing Committee be requested to appoint some gentlemen to perform the duty.

The Standing Committee appointed the Rev. Dr. JENKS for that purpose, and he accepted the appointment.†

Mr. DAVIS communicated a donation from General H. A. S. Dearborn of Admiral Walker's "Journal of the Expedition to Canada in 1712." Also, a letter from J. Francis Fisher, Esq., concerning sundry medals, some of which have not been published.

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* The Librarian was Judge Mitchell, who also pleaded the illness of his family as a reason for wishing to resign his office. — EDS.

† Dr. Jenks's excellent "Account of the Massachusetts Historical Society" was subsequently printed in 3 Collections, VII. 5–25. — EDS.

Voted, To refer this letter to the Publishing Committee of the next volume.*

Mr. WORCESTER stated to the meeting that, by a letter from Mr. Farmer, he had learned that the New Hampshire Historical Society had not been furnished with our Collections, while they had furnished us with their own. Whereupon,

The Recording Secretary was requested to take charge of the subject, and to forward our third series, or the deficient volumes of that series, to the New Hampshire Society.

Also, *voted*, To present to Mr. Bernard Henry, of Philadelphia, Vol. V., third series, of our Collections, for his services in procuring Colonel Pilkington's sketch of the scene at the conference with the Indians at Buffalo Creek, on Lake Erie, 1793.

Mr. YOUNG, from the Publishing Committee, as requested at the last meeting, nominated Rev. Mr. Felt to be upon the Committee in the place of Judge Mitchell, resigned; which nomination was accepted.

Donations were communicated from Messrs. James Savage, B. B. Edwards, J. Q. Adams, J. Quincy, and William Minot.

GEORGE FOLSOM, Esq., of New York City, was elected Corresponding Member, — Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and PIERCE, Scrutinizing Committee.

On account of the absence of Rev. Dr. Holmes, it was voted to suspend action upon the nomination of Rev. Dr. Halsey till the next meeting.

Rev. JOSEPH B. FELT was unanimously chosen Librarian, *vice* Judge Mitchell, resigned.

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* Mr. Fisher's "Description of American Medals" was printed in 3 Collections, VI. pp. 286–293. — EDS.

Voted, To give a diploma to Mr. Alden Bradford, late a member of this Society.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Thomas Wetmore for his donation of sundry pamphlets, &c., the property of his late father, Judge Wetmore, deceased.

Copley's portrait of James Allen, the poet, and Stuart's portrait of Jeremiah Allen, former High Sheriff of Suffolk, being presented by Mrs. Susan Allen, widow of the late James Allen, Esq.,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mrs. Allen for this liberal donation.

Present — The President, Messrs. Austin, Bradford, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Jenks, C. Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1837.

Jan. 26, 1837. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters of acceptance from Admiral Sir Isaac Coffin * and George Folsom, Esq. Also, a letter from Colonel Aspinwall, of London, stating that he had distributed the Society's diplomas, and that Mr. Rich still possessed and had for

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* Admiral Coffin's letter was an acknowledgment of his diploma. He was elected a Corresponding Member in 1822. He concludes his letter, dated at "Bath, 5th October, 1836," as follows: —

"I wish it was in my power to visit once more my beloved country, but at my advanced time of life I must give up a husking frolic." — EDS.